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Investment Climate in the Country
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regulatory framework in the country is a challenge to the creation of an environment conducive for investment;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to assess the investment climate and business regulations in different States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the National Manufacturing Policy is taking care of such hurdles; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): The Government of India has taken up a series of measures to increase transparency and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of various government regulatory functions and services for business in India. States too have been brought on board in the process to expand the coverage of these efforts.
A 98-Point Action Plan for improving the regulatory framework for business as part of easing doing business in the country was finalized at the National Workshop of 'Make in India' held on 29th December 2014. Within this, a structured questionnaire (285 questions across 8 Ease of Doing Business Parameters) for ascertaining status of existing policy and procedures impacting setting up of industries/business as per the 98-Point Action Plan was shared by DIPP with the States in April 2015.

In October, 2015 a 340-Point Business Reform Action Plan for States and Union Territories (UTs) was circulated by DIPP to all State/UT Governments for further implementation.

These recommendations are spread across 10 broad parameters − access to information and transparency enablers; single window; environmental registration enablers; obtaining electricity connection; availability of land; construction permit enablers; inspection reform enablers; labour regulation enablers; online tax return filing; and commercial dispute resolution enablers.

The ranking of states on implementation of reforms was released on 31st October, 2016. The press release along with details on the reforms undertaken by various State Governments and Union Territories is annexed.

Reforms that have been implemented by states can be viewed on the online portal i.e. http://eodb.dipp.gov.in/in.

(d) & (e): National Manufacturing Policy address some issues These include simplification of environment clearances; making clearances web-enabled; simplification of forms related to ease of doing business; registers and returns; labour reforms etc.
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